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Honorable Mark Hatfield
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mark:

I was very pleased to receive your letter of 5 May 1976 summarizing our understanding regarding CIA relationships with American clergymen and missionaries abroad.

Your offer to withdraw your legislation is especially appreciated, and I believe our agreement in this area has led to an effective and equitable resolution of the problem. I do not feel any further announcement on my part is needed at this time.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of the recently implemented CIA regulation outlining the Agency's policy on relationships with American clergymen and missionaries. As you can see, this regulation reflects the understanding reached with you that the CIA shall not establish any secret contractual relationships with any American clergyman or missionary, and henceforth shall not take the initiative abroad to provide a channel for such individuals to convey information to the Government.

I trust that this fully covers any remaining questions you might have regarding this important matter. Your cooperation in resolving this issue is most appreciated by myself personally and on behalf of the Agency. I look forward to working closely with you on other matters of mutual concern.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

/s/ George Bush

George Bush
Director

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